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For:	Sulfonylalkanoylamino Hydroxyethylamino Sulfonamide Retroviral Protease Inhibitors		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendment. It is believed that no fee is due to enter this paper. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to debit our Deposit Account 19-0733, as appropriate.

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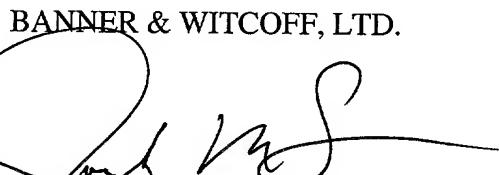
On page 1, delete the first sentence and insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/672,449 filed September 29, 2000 (now allowed); which is a continuation of 09/411,374 filed October 4, 1999 (now U.S.P. 6,169,005); which is a continuation of 08/913,069 filed December 19, 1997 (now U.S.P. 5,985,870); which was the national stage entry of PCT/US96/02682, filed March 7, 1996 which claims priority to U.S. Serial No. 08/478,625, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,705,500, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/401,838, filed March 10, 1995, now abandoned.

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